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1. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL THE DEPT'S ATTENTION TO AN AIR-GRAM (OSLO A-79) RECENTLY PREPARED BY MY LABOR ATTACHE WHICH DEALS WITH THE DECLINE IN DISPOSABLE REAL INCOME FOR NORWEGIAN WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN 1972. THE AIRGRAM HELPS TO MAKE IT CLEAR WHY OUR LOCAL EMPLOYEES SO URGENTLY NEED A SALARY INCREASE.

2. PRICE INFLATION AND BURGEONING WELFARE COSTS IN NORWAY ARE TWO OF THE MAJOR REASONS FOR THE 1972 DROP IN DISPOSABLE REAL INCOME FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF WAGE EARNERS HERE. NATURALLY THESE ARE PROBLEMS INVOLVING DOMESTIC NORWEGIAN POLICIES FOR WHICH NEITHER THE EMBASSY NOR THE US GOVT CAN ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY.

3. MY POINT IS THAT IF ALL NORWEGIANS FEEL PINCHED FINANCIALLY, OUR EMPLOYEES-- WHO HAVE HAD ONLY A 6 PERCENT WAGE INCREASE SINCE JULY 1970-- ARE THAT MUCH WORSE OFF, AND I URGE THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A LOCAL WAGE INCREASE FOR OSLO. CROWE

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